

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An applicator comprising an application face comprising a material comprising cells,
wherein the material opens onto the application face via at least one emergent edge,
wherein the application face is at least partially covered by a flock coating,
wherein the flock coating comprises fibers,
wherein the majority of cells on the application face comprises partial cells,
wherein the partial cells comprise multiple surfaces that are not all parallel to each
other,
and wherein the flock fibers are adhered to several of the multiple surfaces of at least
some of the partial cells such that the flock fibers are not all parallel to each other
~~Applicator (10; ... ; 810) including an application face (21; ... ; 821) formed by a~~
~~material incorporating a plurality of cells opening onto the application face via at least one~~
~~emergent edge (25), the application face being at least partially covered by a flock coating~~
~~(30; ... ; 830) formed from fibres, the average size of the cells being such that the surface on~~
~~which the flocking fibres are placed is of a different profile from that of an envelope surface~~
~~of the application face containing the emergent edges (25) of the cells.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1 Applicator according to the
foregoing claim, characterised in that wherein the cellular material is porous.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1 Applicator according to any of the foregoing claims, characterised in that wherein the cellular material is elastically deformable.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1 Applicator according to any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that wherein the cellular material is compressible.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1 Applicator according to any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that wherein the cellular material is a foam.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 5 Applicator according to the foregoing claim, characterised in that wherein the foam is an open-cell foam.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 5 Applicator according to the foregoing claim, characterised in that wherein the foam comprises is made of a material chosen selected from the following list: group consisting of polyurethane, polyether, polyester, polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene, EVA, latex, silicone, SIS, SEBS, elastomers of silicone, latex, [[or]] nitrile, butyl, neoprene, NBR [[or]] and SBR.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1 Applicator according to any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that wherein the applicator is recessed.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1 Applicator according to any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that it further comprising includes two assembled cellular elements (324, 325; 624, 625; 724, 725).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): Applicator according to The applicator of claim 9, characterised in that wherein the two elements (624, 625) define an inner cavity (627).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1 Applicator according to any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that it includes further comprising a slot or a hole (27; 28; 827) emerging at the application applicator surface.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1 Applicator according to any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that wherein the cellular material has hydrophilic or lipophilic properties.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1 Applicator according to any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that the wherein the cellular material incorporates further comprises at least one hydro-absorbent compound.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1, Applicator according to any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that the cellular wherein the material incorporates further comprises at least one biocidal agent, in particular a bactericidal and/or bacteriostatic and/or antifungal agent.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The applicator of claim 1, Applicator according to any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that the flock coating includes fibres selected from

wherein the length of the fibres ranges from lengths ranging from 0.01 to 3 mm;
wherein the diameter of the fibers ranges from diameter ranging from 0.01 to 0.6 mm;
wherein the shape of the fibers is selected from the group consisting of circular, oval, polygonal, cruciform, trilobate cross section, in the shape of a "C", "E", "F", "H", "I", "L", "N", "S", "T", "V", "W", "X", "Y", "Z", or in the shape of a star, [[or]] crescent, [[;]] straight, fibres and curved fibres, and mixtures thereof, and wherein the fibers comprise a material selected from the group consisting of polyamide, polyacrylic, [[or]] polyester fibres, cotton, [[or]] cellulose fibres, or a mixture of different fibres chosen from the above thereof.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): Device A device comprising the applicator of claim 1 and a grasping element for the applicator including an applicator according to any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that it includes a support constituting a grasping element for the applicator.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The device of claim 16 Device according to the foregoing claim, characterised in that it includes further comprising a container (40; ...; 540; 740) containing comprising a product to be applied, in particular a cosmetic product.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The device of claim 17 ~~Device according to the foregoing claim, characterised in that wherein~~ the container (40; ...; 340; 740) constitutes the grasping element.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The device of claim 18 ~~Device according to the foregoing claim, characterised in that wherein~~ the applicator is glued or welded around an opening in the container.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): ~~Device according to~~ The device of claim 17, ~~characterised in that it includes further comprising~~ a closure element (490) ~~intended to~~ capable of closing ~~close~~ the container (440).

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The device of claim 20 ~~Device according to the foregoing claim, characterised in that wherein~~ the applicator (420) is integral with the closure element (490), and wherein the closure element ~~constituting~~ comprises the grasping element.

Claim 22 (New): The applicator of claim 1, wherein each cell has a cell size greater than or equal to 0.6 mm.